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Sir Sam's hosts speed series

Ski cross competitors compete during the Ontario Snowboarder/Ski Cross race hosted this past weekend at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride in Eagle Lake. The race was part of the SO Speed Series SBX/SX. More on page 3.
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Dysart takes first step toward methane capture program

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

The Municipality of Dysart et al will apply for a grant to conduct a feasibility study regarding the establishment of

methane capture program in the township.
John Desbiens, president and CEO of Cambium Inc., along with Chris Ferguson of CCS Biogas, visited councillors during their Jan. 22 meeting.
Desbiens had previously attended a

Dysart environment and conservation committee meeting in December to discuss a methane capture system.
The process would involve installing a series of pipes under a gas-tight cap. Clay is the most commonly used material in such projects. Methane gas, which can

be burned for a variety of energy applications including electricity and geo-thermal heating, collects in the pipes. It can then be vacuumed out, stored in compressed gas cylinders and sold or processed.

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HHOA to receive money for outdoor education

JENN WATT

Editor

Two projects in Haliburton County received cash infusions from the New Horizons for Seniors program, administered by the Government of Canada, MP Jamie Schmale's office announced Jan. 15.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and Dorset Lions Club each received about \$25,000.

The HHOA intends to use the money to repair the portable classroom on the Gelert Road property and create a mobile classroom trailer to take to schools around the county educating about watersheds.

"CARP was very supporting and instrumental in obtaining the grant," said HHOA vice president Rusty Rustenburg in an email, "and a partnership with them is vital to pass down knowledge to our youth and vice versa."

Improving outdoors skills and knowledge in the county are the goals, he said. Money will be used to purchase supplies such as compasses, nets, waders and a generator.

"The trailer will be covered with logos of our partners in the community, used at various outings and events and we will be organizing events like teaching kids how to use a compass or GPS, winter survival, what to do if lost in the bush, etc.," he said.

"Many of the seniors in the community have much-valued knowledge base and life experiences to share."

The Dorset Lions Club will be using their money on the Centennial Park Project.

Representatives from the Lions Club were not immediately available for comment.

More than \$200,000 was awarded to groups throughout the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, according to information provided by the office of MP Jamie Schmale.

2017 a record year for construction values in HE

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Jan. 17 meeting of Highlands East council.

The year ahead for building in Highlands East looks promising, according to Laurie Devolin, chief building official for the municipality.

On Jan. 17, Devolin told council that, although it's still only the beginning of the year, she has already been approached by people wanting to build.

In 2017, building permits in the area were down compared to 2016 with 213 permits being issued last year compared to 247 the previous year.

In 2015, 187 permits were issued. Construction values set a record in 2017, however, at \$11,034,753 compared to \$10,337,420 in 2016.

"Even though the permits were slightly less than last year, they were for new cottages and houses and larger projects, which really helped with our bottom line on construction value," Devolin told council.

Access to Curling Club approved

After ongoing issues with the chair lift installed at the curling club in 2015, it has been removed by Ram,

the original tender supplier, and the municipality reimbursed.

Moving forward, Jim Alden, property supervisor, recommended council approve the purchase of a replacement hydraulic chair from Berg Elevating at a cost of \$23,650 plus taxes.

Shannon Hunter, municipality CAO, said the municipality had reviewed three quotes from suppliers, and the Berg option was the lowest. Council approved the purchase.

Sand in good shape

Earl Covert, roads superintendent, said in a report to council that due to recent weather conditions, the municipality has used about half of this year's sand for roads. Generally the need for sand lessens after February.

Fire calls down from last year

Acting fire chief Chris Baughman submitted a monthly operations report to council, detailing the calls attended to by the Highlands East Fire Department.

Sixteen calls were responded to in December last year, for a total of 259 calls in 2017. In 2016, the fire department responded to 302 calls, and to 280 calls in 2015.

Remains found in Highlands East

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Human remains found on Jan. 21 in the area of Glamor Lake Road in Highlands East are not cause for public safety concern, according to police investigating the find.

The Haliburton Highlands Crime Unit, under the direction of OPP Detective Inspector Jim Gorry of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) is investigating, and further information will be released when it is available.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 705-286-1431, anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at www.khcs.ca.

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Conversational French for beginners class starting soon

JENN WATT

Editor

A 10-week conversational French class is starting up in Haliburton for adults looking to learn useful words and phrases and have some fun in the process.

Provided through Canadian Parents for French, the class will be held for an hour and a half each Tuesday evening starting Jan. 30 and will include the kinds of terms you'd need on a vacation.

"It's to learn to greet others, meet new people, talk about your personal interests, have a simple conversation," says Marina Thomazo, a French teacher at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School and one of the designers behind the course.

This class includes no grammar sheets that haunt many former French students, she said. It's all about learning practical information and enjoying yourself.

"If you need to go skiing in Quebec, you'll have that confidence to check into a hotel or how to order at a restaurant. If you get sick [abroad], how to ask for help. How to communicate in a hospital when you're not feeling well. Or [how to] go choose a movie. ... It's really useful and linked to the new way of teaching French that we're trying to implement in schools," she said.

The class will be taught by JDHES French teacher Andrew Dawson and they're hoping to have enrolment of at least 10 people to facilitate conversation.

The cost is \$125 for those with memberships in Canadian Parents for French. A membership costs \$25 and is good for a year.

Conversational French for Beginners is Tuesday evening from Jan. 30 to April 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. You must register by Jan. 27 to attend the class. For more information, contact Marina Thomazo at 705-457-6649 or email OuiLoveFrench@gmail.com.

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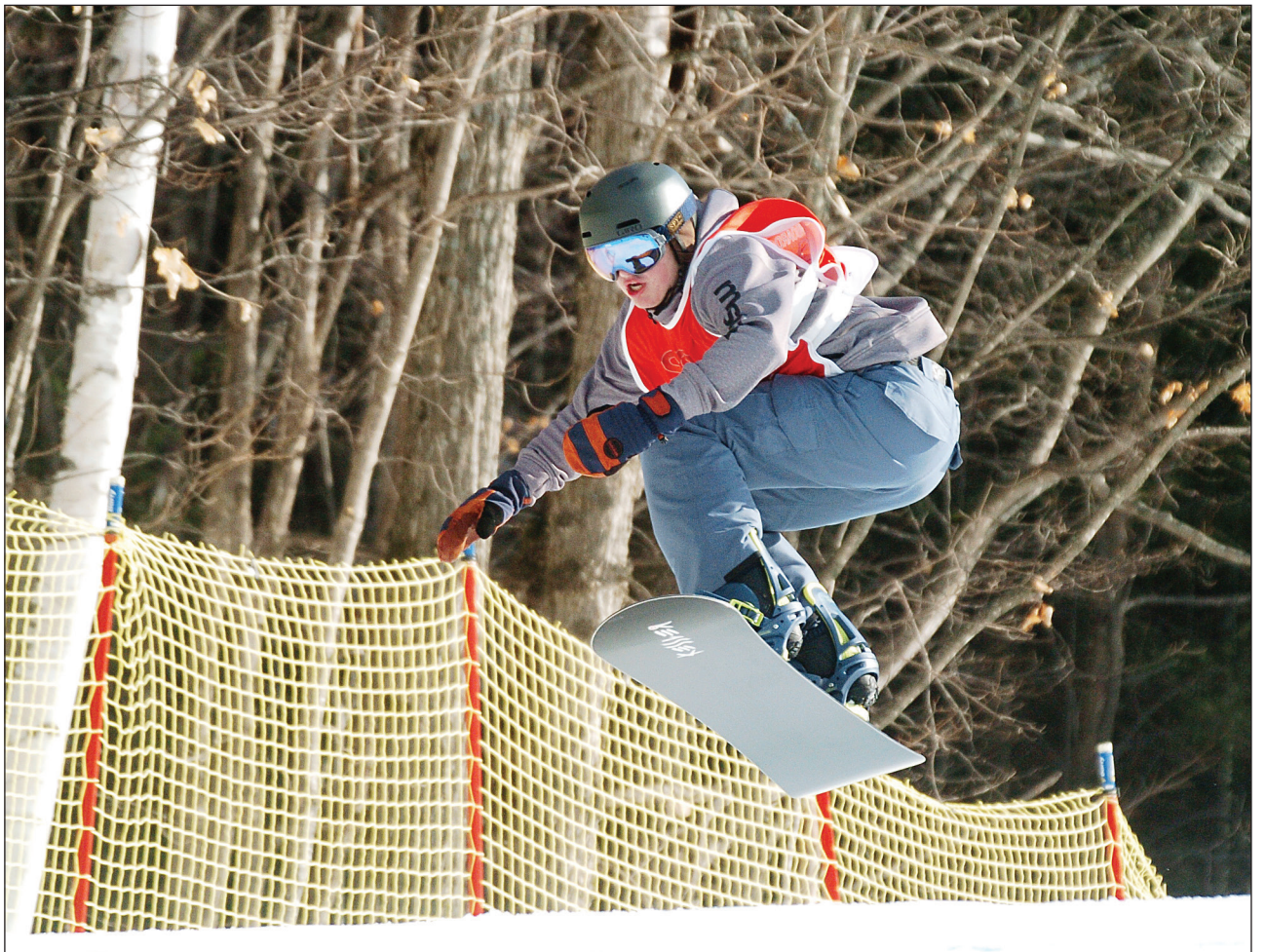


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Showcase of carving skills

The competition was fierce at times, as seen with this pair of snowboarder cross competitors during the Ontario Snowboarder/Ski Cross race hosted this past weekend at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride in Eagle Lake. This race was part of the SO Speed Series SBX/SX. It offered a variety of categories for males and females in snowboarder cross from the under 10, under 12, under 14, under 16, open, adaptive and high school. There were also categories for males and females racing in ski cross from under 14, under 16 and an open under 12 athletes recreational category./DARREN LUM Staff



A snowboarder cross competitor takes some air, heading to the finish line during the Ontario Snowboarder/Ski Cross race hosted this past weekend at Sir Sam's Ski, located in Eagle Lake./DARREN LUM Staff

Deer with arrow in head a no-show for tranquilization attempt

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Wildlife conservationists didn't get their chance last week to tranquilize a local deer with an arrow in its head.

Everyone was in place at Dave Allen's residence in Haliburton, where it had been feeding at his feeder on a daily basis for past week. The waiting party included wildlife veterinarian Dr. Sherri Cox of the National Wildlife Centre, based in Caledon, Monika Melichar of the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, located in Minden and three of her volunteers to act as spotters, concerned resident Allen and the media.

After more than an hour close to two dozen turkeys and several hungry deer showed up, but not the wounded deer. First, the media left and eventually, the rest of the waiting party gave up.

The wounded deer was first sighted around Christmas. Deer season ends on Dec. 15. Cox said a conservation officer with the MNR wants the arrow.

Melichar has been working for more than a week to co-ordinate this tranquilization plan to treat the deer. Initially she had reached out to Howard Smith of the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Rosseau several days earlier, but he was unable to help, leaving for holidays. Cox was sent the *Echo* photo and came to Haliburton via Huntsville on Wednesday, Jan. 17. Cox and Smith, who know each other, not only have the necessary skills and equipment, but also access to the drugs required for this type of tranquilization. They travel all over the province to help wildlife.

The hope was for Cox to tranquilize the deer, using a CO2 powered dart gun, which gives the deer the equivalent of a bug bite. She said the deer should have succumbed to the drug's effects within five to seven minutes. Then Cox would have performed the surgery on site to remove the arrow, treat the wound and enable recovery. Smith has returned

from holidays, but has the flu and is currently unavailable for a follow-up attempt.

If tranquilization is successful, Cox is expected to return here to perform the surgery and treatment at Melichar's sanctuary.

While waiting for the deer, Cox was optimistic about the deer's chances for treatment.

"The fact that Monika is saying it's eating is really good. We are really concerned. It's hard to see by that one picture, but the angle of the arrow, whether it's affected the jaw at all. There's a lot of important stuff in the head," she said, referring to the *Echo* photo sent to Melichar.

Among the challenges is if there are three blades to the arrow then there may be considerable damage caused by the removal. However from the photo she is hopeful this deer will require a standard procedure for arrow removal. She believes the arrow is "penetrating" the deer's head. This is based on blood patterns behind the back of the head.

"That's a good thing, actually. We'll push it through. Kind of like a fish hook, if [you're to remove] because of the barbs ... that's the best case," she said.

She thought a two-week period of rest and care for the deer was needed following the surgery.

This period would be to monitor the deer and ensure there wasn't an infection from the wound.

Cox, who founded the National Wildlife Centre, finds meaning in her work and it motivates her.

"I used to work in corporate. I left that lifestyle because I wanted to go back and help wildlife. Wildlife don't have owners. Really the public, society, is responsible for our wildlife. It's not like a dog or cat where you can take it to the vet ... wildlife suffer horrible deaths," she said.

The rehabilitation centres, the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary (www.woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca) and the National Wildlife Centre ([\[lifecentre.ca\]\(http://lifecentre.ca\)\) and the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary \(\[www.aspenvalley.ca\]\(http://www.aspenvalley.ca\)\) are](http://nationalwild-</p>
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Local teams motivated by home ice advantage

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There's nothing more Canadian than hockey being played on a pond under falling snow.

Hundreds of hockey players will get to live out this idyllic experience when the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships hosts men and women at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre over two weekends, starting Jan. 26 and ending the first weekend in February.

Preparations for the championships, which will include two teams from Quebec and two teams from the U.S., have been ongoing, with organizer John Teljeur and volunteers staking the rinks and clearing of snow from some 450,000 square feet of space. There was a hope with the rain over the weekend that it would improve the ice. Flooding the ice is expected later this week. He said they are ahead of last year's schedule.

Volunteers are still needed. The jobs include scorekeepers and runners to deliver messages and scoresheets. (See canadapondhockey.ca/volunteer for more information.)

The event will be live streamed and include a place to make your own hockey card, a bonfire, and live entertainment on Saturday, Jan. 27 from Tragically Hip cover band, Road Apples.

Included among the hundreds of players will be three local teams: the Huskies, the Trailer Park Boys and Minden's Finest Things.

Half of Highlands resident Josh Shaw's team, the Huskies, is returning to defend their men's recreation title. The team included Shaw, Andi Donaldson, Tanner Hamilton, Jason Chambers, Ryan Scheffee and Tyler Crego. This year's squad will include Kolt Smith and Brandon Logan instead of Scheffee (he's on another local team) and Crego.

Shaw welcomes the opportunity to defend the title.

"It's just always nice playing on your home ice having a few of the local fans come out and watch ... and strategy wise it's mostly sticking to the diamond formation and a lot of puck movement besides trying to skate it yourself," he said.

Likely to face the Huskies will be the other local team, which has entered the same men's recreation division during the opening weekend. The Trailer Park Boys, who were finalists last year and won the title three years ago, are back. The roster

includes Highlands residents Brad Park, Ryan Wood, Jeremy Miscio, Steve Miscio, Jesse Johnson and Ryan Scheffee. These local residents have known each other for years. The team is the same, except for the addition of Jeremy, who was hurt during the team's first year of competition, and Scott Neilson will be out of town and unavailable to play.

The year off was due to time constraints and how life gets in the way, but Park is anxious to play this season.

Getting to play in his proverbial backyard is something Jesse Johnson doesn't undervalue.

"It means that we have the comfort of being home, and having friends and family around us definitely drives and motivates us. As far as experience is concerned, we have played three years and have a championship and a finalist under our belts. We stick to our tactics and play hard," wrote Johnson.

For the second year, Minden's Finest Things is returning.

Members are Cheryl Smith, Sonja Marx, Rhonda Cooper, Tammy Smith, and pond hockey tournament rookies Karen London and Stephanie Mackendrick.

"Last year the teams that we played against made the whole experience one that we definitely want to continue doing over and over again, the atmosphere and everything about the event is like no other tournament. The games are full of laughs together with both teams and no one is focused on the scoreboard," Smith wrote in an email to the paper.

Getting to play in the Highlands isn't lost on Smith, who welcomes the chance to have loved ones see them play.

"Having the opportunity to play on home ice is the best. Our own families and children get to come out and cheer us on and it's a part of where we live and play! We all grew up playing on the pond and having this opportunity to come together with some old and new friends is wonderful!" Smith wrote.

Smith appreciated the trophies made by local resident Eric Christensen from last year.

There are six large cups (three made of oak and three made of maple) for each division and 60 smaller ones for each player on a championship team.

Smith is keen to win one.

"Personally, they have these super adorable mini wooden Stanley Cups that the winners get to take home we're in it for the cup," she wrote.

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McKechnie remembers Bower's humanity

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Toronto Maple Leafs legendary goalie Johnny Bower was honoured with a celebration of life ceremony earlier this month after he died of pneumonia at 93 on Dec. 26.

"He really was a teammate on the ice and off the ice. When you have a goalie like him – goaltending as we know is about the most important [aspect of a team]. You knew every night he was going to be giving his 100 per cent so you better be giving yours. That's why they won all those cups," Walt McKechnie said.

McKechnie is a former Toronto Maple Leafs player, Eagle Lake resident and Dysart et al councillor.

He knew Bower from when he was starting out in the National Hockey League, playing against him during Leafs training camps; in subsequent years when Bower helped the Leafs and McKechnie was with the team (and Bower was retired); as a fellow instructor with Haliburton's Hockey Haven in the early 1970s; and at Maple Leafs events.

McKechnie attended the celebration of life organized by the Leafs, which was open to the public on Jan. 3 at the Air Canada Centre. He was there as a part of a contingent of Leafs alum. Bower played 11 seasons for the Maple Leafs, leading them to four Stanley Cup titles, including the last one the franchise won in 1967. He may have retired in 1970, but he was the face of the franchise, symbolizing the last connection to the glory years.

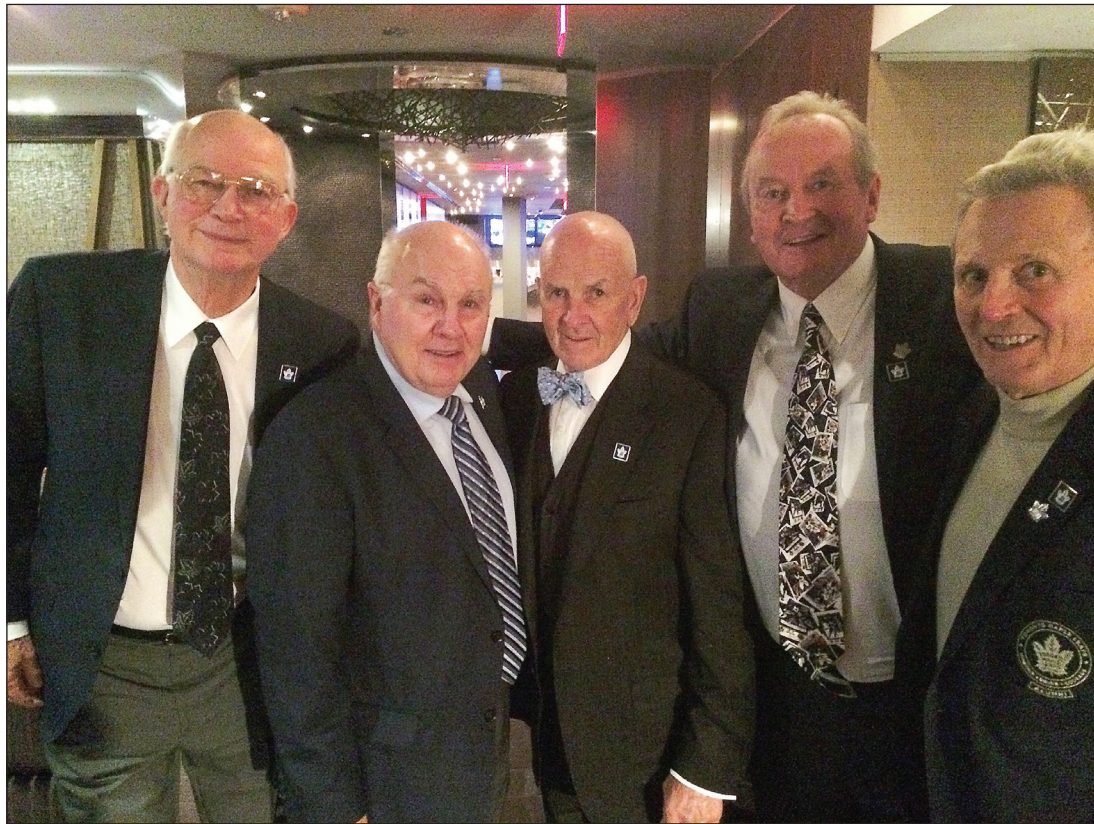
The celebration of life for Bower drew a who's who in hockey including the Maple Leafs president and alternate governor Brendan Shanahan, former Leafs teammates Frank Mahovlich, Ron Ellis and Dave Keon, other well-known Leafs Paul Henderson and Doug Gilmour, and currently rostered players on the Leafs team. There were speeches given by former teammates and family at the public event. The one common trait they all remember Bower for was his sense of humour and his drive to compete.

McKechnie said he admired Bower for his ability to inspire, his will to win and his perpetual smile. Any time Bower entered a room, the joy he exuded seemed to be contagious.

"I don't think I ever saw Johnny Bower upset. I wish I had that quality. Nothing bothered him. ... Like a lot of us, we worry about a lot of stuff we have no control over. Johnny Bower never worried about those things. That's probably why he lived until he was 93," he said.

Bower had even more reason to smile when he received a star on Canada's Walk of Fame in Toronto on June 9, 2007.

McKechnie said Bower probably had not been to the Highlands since the 1970s when he came as an instructor



Toronto Maple Leafs alumni from left, Brian Conacher, Ron Ellis, Dave Keon, Walt McKechnie and Paul Henderson came together for a photo following the celebration of life held at the Air Canada Centre on Wednesday, Jan. 3 to remember the legendary goalie Johnny Bower. Bower died of pneumonia on Boxing Day. He was 93. Bower was the winner of four Stanley Cup titles, including the last one for the Leafs in 1967. He was a two-time Vezina winner (awarded to best NHL goalie). /Submitted by Walt McKechnie

for Hockey Haven.

He still remembers when Bower had to answer to his neighbours about a couple of cobs of corn with the most unlikely of surprises on them.

The incident came on the heels of a few pranks directed at Johnny at the arena, including nailing his moccasins to the floor of the dressing room and surreptitiously putting rabbit feces in his pipe.

Highlands resident Carmen Lee worked at the arena back then and gave Bower some corn on the cob grown on his property in Wilberforce to take home, McKechnie said.

Before Bower took the corn home, one of the instructors ran out to the pharmacy and picked up a box of what was then known as "safes" (condoms) and brought them back. The group of young instructors got together and put condoms on six cobs of corn, laughing as they imagined the shock at the Bower residence when it came to preparing dinner that night.

"Johnny of course, the generous, wonderful person that he was ... he ends up giving his neighbours – this little old couple, who are the nicest people – Johnny gives

them six or eight cobs of corn," he said. "Well, two of the cobs had the condoms on them. Well, they come over that night and they said to Johnny, 'What are you doing? What's this?' 'Oh those [jerks].' The next day we're all getting ready and we're (Brian, myself, Jim Dorey, Pat Flannery, and Bobby Baun and on and on) sitting there and he comes in. Johnny said, 'Well, you nailed my shoes to the floor. You put rabbit turds in my pipe....' he says. 'I went home and gave that corn to my neighbours, the little old couple beside me. They come over and said, 'What the heck is this?' That was the worst trick you guys ever played on me,'" he said.

McKechnie said many of the family came up to him following the celebration of life for Bower to ask him to retell the story. He was told by Bower's grandson, Johnny III, who spoke at the event for his grandfather, that they never stopped talking about that fond memory in the family.

Johnny Bower III led the thousands in attendance at the ACC with a "Go Leafs Go" chant.

A great send off for a man that bled blue and white.

Police warning of scammers impersonating Canada Revenue Agency

Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police has received several complaints from residents of Haliburton County regarding a common scam with a fraudster impersonating a representative of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). Whether by telephone or by email, the pitch involves one of two variations. The fraudsters are demanding that outstanding taxes are paid by a money service business or by pre-paid debit/credit cards; or they are phishing for identification in order to fulfill a potential refund.

The tactics used by these fraudsters are quite aggressive,

persistent and meant to cause panic in the victims. Consumers and businesses may receive a notification by phone or email that they owe "back taxes" as the result of an audit. The payment must be made immediately to avoid a fine or the recipient is told there is an outstanding warrant that can be avoided if the payment is made promptly. In many cases, individuals are told they will be arrested if the taxes are not paid right away.

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Ask yourself why the CRA would be asking for personal information over the phone or email that they likely already have on file for you as a taxpayer.

For more information about scams involving the CRA visit the Canada Revenue website at www.cra-arc.gc.ca/scrty/frdprvntn/menu-eng.html. For more information on other frauds, call the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or www.antifraudcentre.ca.



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Join the makers

THERE ARE NEW RESOURCES available in Haliburton well known to some, which still elicit looks of puzzlement among others.

Down the corridor at Haliburton School of Art and Design (HSAD) is a small room packed with advanced equipment capable of etching glass, printing banners, creating spare parts from plastic and building jewelry.

The Centre for Making opened to the public this summer and is supervised by Scott Walling, who has become well-versed in what each piece of equipment can do. He does tours, tutors new users and acts as a resource for “makers” who come in.

Though it is the most visible of the “maker-spaces” in Haliburton, it is not the only one.

In fact, there is a whole “community of making” thanks to a collaboration started at the Haliburton County Public Library tying the resources of several groups together. Canoe FM, Sticks and Stones, HSAD and the library have been working together to build up the equipment and expertise to offer new opportunities to local residents.

The library has a dedicated staff member to guide the process, Noelia Marziali, who has also been hosting workshops at the library to encourage kids to take up pursuits in STEAM: science, technology, engineering, arts and math.

By pulling all of these organizations together, those with an interest can learn how to design a banner, record a song, create a 3D object using computer design software or make their own greeting cards – here in Haliburton.

But only if they know about it.

One issue of makerspaces is that to those in the know, it all makes sense. These terms are part of the day-to-day. For those of us who don't encounter 3D printers or laser cutters on our way to work, however, it can be confusing to think about and intimidating to try.

The *Echo* has written several times about the Centre for Making and I've toured the centre three times and I still feel nervous about dipping my toe into the waters of the Community of Making.

However, the last time I toured the space at the college I got to see the equipment in use. Sitting on the table, Walling had examples of what could be made. There were cleverly created greeting cards adorned with messages of love; a drinking glass with wording etched on its surface; blocks with images cut into them for printmaking; jewelry and a frosted wine bottle with lettering around its body.

If you want to be inspired, check out the makers' Pinterest page: www.pinterest.ca/haliburtoncpl/community-of-making.

Workshops are being developed to learn how to use these resources and Marziali at the library is available to help you take ideas through the design phase to completion.

(Currently there are fees for use of the materials and equipment at HSAD, though they are quite reasonable. The resources at the library are free and Marziali can help users

navigate the system. Call 705-457-2241 to get in touch.)

These are skills that we could all benefit from knowing – in particular, the young people of the community should at least try some of these machines. Developing the skills in design and technology will serve them well in higher education and in many careers in their future.

And for the workforce that's already here, the equipment can help increase productivity and boost creativity.

The array of new opportunities before us is remarkable and far too easily missed.

You don't know what is possible until you give it a try. Luckily, many of these tools will be available to test out at the Try It Fair, scheduled for May 4 at the high school. Mark it on your calendar.



jenn watt

Editorial



Winter feeding

by Darren Lum

Harry's dilemma

HARRY STOOD by the patio doors and looked out at the fresh snow. The sun had just come up, bathing the backyard in a glow that could fool the uninitiated. But Harry knew despite the apparent warmth highlighting the snowy branches, it was cold out there. The birds however, all fluffed up feathers and quick movements, didn't seem to mind the -20 temperature as they darted around the bird feeders.

Harry watched, wishing he could be out there with them. Ever since what he now referred to as “the incident,” he had stayed close to home. His injury had been severe and very painful, the gash on the side of his neck just missing his throat. It had taken several weeks before he was more or less back to his old self. Still, he didn't want to risk another injury and so was fairly content to stay put.

The only problem was boredom. Harry was no stranger to cabin fever but it usually struck later, say the end of February. This winter was different. Because of his injury, his movements had been restricted and now he was feeling like a prisoner in his own home.

Sometimes as he sat by the window he would day-dream about summer. It will be different then, he told himself. Coming and going as he wished, walking through the tall grass at the back of the yard, lounging on the deck watching the birds at the birdbath; that's when he'll have his old life back. He just had to hang in there for a few more months.

It could have been worse. Indeed he was lucky to be alive. When he staggered home, at first no one noticed what had happened. That was because Harry hated to make a fuss and hoped it wasn't as bad as it felt. Wrong. When someone finally saw the gaping wound, they sprang into action.

The next door neighbour, who had a lot of experience in this sort of thing, offered guidance and some hands-on assistance. Once the wound was flushed and cleaned, an antibiotic was administered. They didn't know if stitches would be necessary and so decided to take a wait-and-see approach. Harry's aversion to medical people was well-known and if

they could avoid further trauma, all were in agreement that they would try to take care of things themselves.

Unfortunately his roommate Jack seemed to delight in his frustration and discomfort. Taunting, Jack acted like a young thing, running from room to room, daring Harry to do something about it. And Harry did take up the challenge once he was more mobile and feeling better. He reminded Jack who was in charge due to seniority, size and well, just plain smarts. Harry was the smarter of the two friends and despite provocations was able to keep his cool and put Jack in his place when necessary. Usually a quick slap on the shoulder or back did it.

To be honest, Harry did try to sneak out of the house a few times. This was when there was a break in the weather. When people went in and out the front door Harry caught a whiff of what almost smelled like March air before the door was quickly shut. And then he would be reminded that it was too dangerous for him to be outdoors. He was so tired of hearing how no-one wanted to see him get injured again.

So here he was, putting on weight, over-eating due to boredom combined with the tug of the outdoors while still fearing re-injury. Even more unfair, he just spotted a flock of wild turkeys heading for the bird feeders. The chickadees, blue jays and woodpeckers always managed to spill food on the ground and now, like a waddling bunch of dark marauders, here came the turkeys to pick the leftovers. Harry muttered under his breath in disgust.

Dragging himself away from the glass doors, he stretched his legs, arched his back and walked back into the living room. Jack was sitting in everyone's favourite chair by the wood stove but Harry chased him off with one light swat. Then settling himself into the still-warm cushion, Harry closed his green almond-shaped eyes and started to drift off. Really, he thought dreamily, for a cat his life wasn't all that bad.

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points of view

I fall to pieces

IF I WERE A MAN who invested my money in something other than fishing and hunting gear, I'd place my entire amassed fortune (currently estimated at \$12.47 Canadian) into the lucrative jigsaw puzzle market. I don't have statistics to back this, but I happen to know for a fact that in the last month, here in Haliburton alone, puzzle futures look bright.

In fact, I have it on good authority that local jigsaw puzzle sales have tripled.

Yes, on Saturday, Jenn said, "This is the third jigsaw puzzle I've bought since Christmas."

It's true. The first one she bought was a simple 500-piece starter puzzle that we gave to my 80-year-old mother as one of her Christmas gifts.

Jenn thought, in addition to the other gift, we should get her something "fun."

When you are 80 and beyond, jigsaw puzzles rank only second in terms of the fun things you can do. Doing anything other than a jigsaw puzzle still ranks first, however.

By the way, the same rule applies for those of us who are younger than 80. Yet – and here's the part that's difficult for me to admit to in public – the other two puzzles Jenn bought were for us. Both are 1,000-piece puzzles.

To be honest, I respected the first purchase. I figured she bought that one because she wanted a non-violent yet diabolical way to force me to remove my fly tying vise and material off the dining room table. It worked – for it was the only surface in our house big enough to hold that puzzle.

I was a major force in finishing that puzzle because – foolish me – I thought that once it was completed, we might be able to use the dining room table for God's intended purpose: fly tying.



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But alas, it was not to be.

We had hardly got the paper dust off of our fingers when Jenn said, "Let's get another jigsaw puzzle."

To which I replied, "Have I done something wrong?"

It turns out, I hadn't. Jenn just really likes jigsaw puzzles.

I have other views on the matter.

I'm not an expert regarding the history of jigsaw puzzles but I assume that they were first invented during the Spanish Inquisition as an implement of torture.

("Confess! Or we will make you spend the entire evening doing this 2,000-piece puzzle of a kitty snuggled in a basket of flowers!")

Puzzles are an exquisite form of torment. For instance, have you ever noticed that the only piece ever missing from a jigsaw puzzle is the very last one? The cruel #@\$! makes you wait right till the end!

And then there is the subject matter. Have you ever seen a puzzle of a car chase, bacon in a frying pan or an explosion? Of course you haven't! That's because puzzle designers do not want you to have anything to look forward to. Instead, they'll make you work really hard and then lower your expectations so much that in the end you are actually excited when you find that last piece to the yarn ball.

A yarn ball, for God's sake.

In a world of instant gratification, the only thing that is instantly gratifying about a jigsaw puzzle is hiding a piece in the vase so that you can be the one who drops the last piece of the yarn ball in place.

But once the euphoria of that moment subsides, you are left with a large completed image that you would never hang anywhere in your house, even if it did have car chases, bacon or explosions. Why? Because you'd have a hard time convincing your friends it was an original – that's why.

So you leave it on the dining room table, taking up valuable fly tying space for a couple of days and then you reluctantly take it apart and wonder what the point of all this was. But you also breathe a sigh of relief.

Until she brings the next one – which is when you, once again, fall to pieces.



pic of the past

This photo was taken by Tom Hodgson's great uncle, Thomas Moon, in the 1920s. Haliburton's St. George's Anglican Church that we see today was built after the fire of 1921. The parishoners, including Hodgson's great-grandparents, had supported the building of a larger church in the 1860s to replace a small log building. The esteemed historian Leo Dobrzensky sent Hodgson a quote from the Peterborough Review dated June 30, 1865, "A church has been erected and the bishop of the diocese has appointed a clergyman to the mission. The Canadian Land and Emigration Company had built a suitable parsonage and now they had a resident clergyman in the township (Dysart)." Everyone who is familiar with the interior of St. George's before the expansion in 1987 will recognize the amazing similarity of both church interiors. This photo shows how the church was decorated for Christmas with natural cedar and this custom continued well into the 1940s. Photo and caption submitted by Tom Hodgson

letters to the editor

Transportation opportunity should not be missed

To the Editor,

For almost a decade, Rural Transportation Options has been advocating for some type of public transportation in the county. We are delighted that the county is now coming to see both that there is a need for transportation and that there are models of rural transportation systems that may well be appropriate for our community. Setting aside \$50,000 in the next county budget for a feasibility study for a transportation system is wonderful.

Over the past two years, the county has participated in a pilot project funded by the Ministry of Transportation. Through this project we have come to a much better understanding of transportation models that would be appropriate to our community and our needs. In addition, the transportation task force and its predecessor have created a strong collaboration between various transportation providers, the county and those concerned about transportation in the county. The MTO pilot project has been revisioned as a large

MTO program to support the development or expansion of community transportation. On offer is a grant of a maximum of \$500,000 over five years. MTO has been quite clear that this is a one time only grant. We are unlikely to see such fulsome support for rural transportation for many years.

At the last county council meeting, the council decided not to apply for this funding. We are asking that the mayors and deputy mayors reconsider this decision. Research, case studies, conferences and other rural transportation programs do suggest that this new MTO grant is sufficient in both time and funds to have a functioning, tested transportation system in Haliburton County by 2023, and this system would commence, in perhaps small mode, in 2019.

We do ask county council to reconsider your decision. This is an opportunity too good to be missed.

Heather Ross
Rural Transportation Options

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Restaurant owner chronicles journey from Korea to Haliburton

JENN WATT

Editor

It was Andy Oh's wife, Sunhee Park, who convinced him to move to Haliburton and take over what was then called Haliburton Family Restaurant. At the time, he didn't know where Haliburton was and had little interest in relocating to cottage country from Aurora, where they were living.

But it was Oh's goal to open his own restaurant and Park had the vision of how to do it.

The couple had a friend in Norland and Park suggested they travel north to visit him.

It was a summer day in 2013 and Oh said he was tired as they reached what he thought was their destination in Norland. Once they got there, his friend convinced him to get back in the car.

"Timmy says, let's drive a little further," said Oh during a presentation on Thursday to the Haliburton chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women.

Ten, 20, 30 then 40 minutes go by before the friends reached Haliburton, the town that also happened to have a restaurant for sale.

As they drove around the bend of County Road 21 at the bridge, they saw Head Lake glistening to their left and a busy downtown up ahead.

Park was commenting on how clean and clear the water of the lake was. Oh was impressed there was so much traffic.

Then they walked into Haliburton Fam-



ily Restaurant.

"Sunhee kept saying something different from what I was thinking. She was already fascinated," Oh recalled.

"They showed me the kitchen ... I [could] imagine how I would work [there]," he said.

The couple decided to move to Haliburton almost entirely on a gut feeling. They



Above, Chef Andy Oh serves up *japchae* (glass noodles) and salad to CFUW members on Jan. 18 at the Haliburton United Church. He told the story of his journey from Korea to Haliburton.

Left, Maple Avenue Tap and Grill owner and chef Andy Oh reveals the salad and noodle dishes he's about to serve to the women of the CFUW in Haliburton on Jan. 18. Oh told the story of his migration to Canada from Korea and the work he had to do to own his own restaurant. /JENN WATT Staff

sold their home in the city and on Oct. 15, 2013 relocated and three days later they took over operations.

"I believe something drove my path," Oh said; life continued to guide him toward Haliburton.

That's not to say the move was easy.

On his first day running the restaurant, now called Maple Avenue Tap and Grill at 120 Maple Ave., he made \$300. Seventy per cent of that was from drinks.

Oh shakes his head at the memory. He knew that they would need to innovate to make things work.

Andy Oh moved to Canada from Korea in 1995 as a student. Having completed his mandatory military service in South Korea, he was looking for a way to move to Canada. Living as a student was the best way.

He ended up enrolling in Centennial College's hotel management course in the hospitality and tourism department, a three year commitment.

"I loved it," says a beaming Oh, dressed in his chef's jacket before the CFUW gathering at Haliburton United Church Jan. 18.

He spent a good deal of his time learning the service component of the hospitality industry in his program, working as an intern at the Intercontinental Hotel at St. George and Bloor streets in Toronto.

"I was very lucky because I got the opportunity of working there for four months without payment, but in the meantime I got the experience. They assigned me every department for four months. I was very happy because by law I could not work, but I did volunteer at the restaurant bar," he said.

As an international student with limited English at the time, any chance to interact with the public and become more comfortable with the new language was welcome.

After school, his resume and customer service skills landed him a full-time job, meaning he could get a work visa and remain in Canada.

He met Sunhee Park and happily began working as a server, busser and floor manager. But his long-term goal was to own a restaurant. That meant he needed to learn kitchen skills. He took a pay cut and had to work three jobs while he learned.

"Always in my mind was I'm going to my plan, my goal," he said.

There were a few bumps along the way,

but the road kept leading north.

In Haliburton, Oh encountered a new challenge: learning "family restaurant" style food.

His previous experience hadn't prepared him for the family fare people would expect of his restaurant. In fact, he was hard-pressed at first to figure out what that even meant.

"I don't know what Canadians eat. Turkey? I know that's [what's eaten at] Thanksgiving and Christmas time. I watched that in the movies," he said, to laughter from the audience.

They figured it out, offering a range of items from burgers and salads to a few Korean dishes.

About a year in, they decided to renovate the space to make it more family friendly.

And then the customers came flooding in.

"I'm very appreciative of the local people," he said, calling residents generous in their help and kindness over the years.

Now Oh is gearing up for a new challenge: he's moving the Maple Ave Tap and Grill restaurant from its current location to 172 Highland St. The opening date is tentatively set for this April.

On Thursday, Oh captivated the audience, peppering his story with self-deprecating humour and a twinkle in his eye – something customers regularly remark on.

At the meeting, he treated the audience to some Korean flavours including glass noodles, or *japchae*, and a stone-bowl style salad with pickled and savoury ingredients.

CFUW meetings are open to all women (regardless of education) and serve as a social time with purpose.

The group gives money to women's scholarships and also helps out in the community.

Recently they've focused their efforts on helping the YWCA safe space, called HERS, by bringing in toiletries and other items requested.

Their meetings also feature local speakers.

On Feb. 15, their meeting is open to the public and will include a talk by Chris Lynd and Sean Pennylegion about the Haliburton Syrian refugee experience. That meeting is at 1:30 p.m. at Haliburton School of Art and Design.

For more information, get in touch with them at cfuw.hh@gmail.com.

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Spartans stop Hawks' two game win streak

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When the Spartans of Lindsay came to town the Red Hawks senior basketball team just didn't have the answers for the top team of the Kawartha West Boys Basketball League.

It wasn't from a lack of effort so much as focus and discipline for the A categorized home team, who lost 54-32 on Thursday, Jan. 18.

Hawks coach Paul Longo acknowledged the quality of his opponents, but believed his team had the potential to be at least 10 points closer to the AA team if some easy shots had fallen.

A contributor, he said, to the misses was frustration, which was rooted in a lack of maturity and an inability of his team to avoid needless fouls.

The Hawks will work to regain their winning ways in time for the playoffs when they play in a tournament in Bracebridge during the Feb. 2/3 weekend.

Haliburton, who entered action Thursday with a two game win streak, dropped to 4-5 on the season while the top-ranked Spartans improved to 8-1. The Spartans lone loss was to the west's second place Wildcats of I.E. Weldon Secondary School.

The Hawks are entrenched in fourth place in the west, behind Fenelon Falls by four points.

They dropped below .500 with this loss. However the team has been solid on both ends, scoring 367 points and giving up 366.

Spartans coach Greg Walling commended the Hawks for their tough physical play, a common trait of teams in red and white.

The long-time coach said he always expects a physical game from Haliburton and this one wasn't any different despite the large margin for victory. He admits this win was important for his team and was the reason he kept many of his starters on the floor for much of the game, including instructions for his team to never let up. The win guarantees the Spartans the top seed in Kawartha and one more win against a Peterborough school will ensure a berth to the COSSA championship. There are only two berths for COSSA.

Haliburton is currently the top A team with eight points, four more than the next team, the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School Titans. Last place Bulldogs of Brock, the third A categorized school in the west, will come to Haliburton to finish the regular season after the exam break on Tuesday, Feb. 6. The juniors will play at 3 p.m. followed by the seniors.

*Information accurate as of Friday morning, Jan. 19.



Red Hawks senior player Kyle Cooper leaps to the net, as LCVI Spartans defender Seb Boudreault fouls during Kawartha West Boys League action on Thursday, Jan. 18 in Haliburton. The top ranked (8-1) Spartans won 54-32./DARREN LUM Staff

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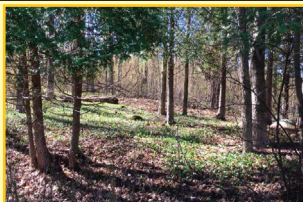
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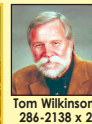
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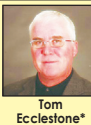
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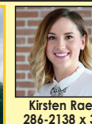
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Hawks hold off Spartans, secure second

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Minutes after beating the visiting Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans, the Hawks coach Ron Yake said two quick goals in the first period by the Red Hawks proved to be a major factor in shifting the momentum for an important victory with one game left before the play-offs.

Before the Hawks’ first strike from a short-handed goal scored by Owen Smith and the team’s subsequent goal minutes after, which was scored by Nolan Flood, who had just stepped out of the penalty box for a two-on-one, the Spartans were taking it to the Hawks, pressuring them in their end.

“They were on us in the first. Not long, two or three minutes, but then that definitely changed the momentum of the game,” Hawks coach Ron Yake said.

Flood, who was assisted on his goal from Benn Mac-Naull and Josh Boice, finished with two points, a goal and an assist like Smith. Also chipping in with a goal and an assist was Boice.

The Hawks goalie Carson Sisson earned a shutout, but the defence figured prominently in the shutdown of the Spartans, Yake said.

“They didn’t get one breakaway on our goalie. They might have had a, maybe, a two-on-one. I’m not sure I can’t remember ... not very many. In odd man rushes they were very limited. Our defence shutdown a couple of their key players and played a very controlled game,” he said. “And when they did get through ... Carson [Sisson] probably played his best game of the season. Against a good team, he got the shutout and deserved it.”

The Hawks improve to 6-1-0 and have 12 points with its fourth win in a row. League leaders St. Mary Catholic Secondary School also has 12 points, but has an additional game to play. These teams have not played each other in league play.

There is just one regular season game remaining for the Hawks, who will play the Campbellford Flames in Campbellford on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Like the Hawks, the Flames are also an A team and are fourth in the league



LCVI Spartans defender Eric Russell jostles with Red Hawks player Desi Davies during Kawartha Boys Hockey League action on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks, who are second in Kawartha with a 6-1-0 record, controlled much of the game after Owen Smith scored a short-handed goal to go on and win 4-0. /DARREN LUM Staff

with a record of 4-2-0.

The Hawks entered the Spartans game with an intent to win in hopes to earn the top seed by the end of the regular season. The best Kawartha team automatically earns a spot in the Kawartha playoffs with a bye for the first round of playoffs and earn a berth to the AA COSSA playoffs.

“First place is huge. That’s why that game was a big game against a contending team. They were trying to get a top place too,” he said.

After the past holiday break, the team didn’t miss a beat.

“It was nice to see we picked up our game right where

we left off and I think over the last two weeks we’ve improved our game,” he said.

Those improvements came from his youngest players such as Isaac Little on defence and forward Zach Morissette, who played very well.

“And the line of Lucas [Haedicke], Trevor [Turner], and Desi [Davies], they played their best game of the season. You’re right, their speed of play was up,” he said, when asked about the strong play from his rookies. “Their positional play was good and they battled hard,” he said.

Davis scored the fourth goal and was assisted by Haedicke.

On the injury front, the Hawks are missing Devon Prentice, who is nursing a shoulder injury and is expected early February.

Yake believes his team played its best game of the season, particularly for its efficiency in moving the puck. However Yake was quick to point out there is always room for improvement even though his team played very well.

“If we can play that well the remainder of the season we’ll have a good season. It’s just going to be reinforcing some of the key things we did here today and trying to move the puck a little bit better and create another opportunity or two. We’re just going to keep on working on what we’re doing. It’s wonderful to see the advancement in the month for the team,” he said.



Red Hawks forward Owen Smith, who finished with a goal and an assist, positions himself in front of the LCVI Spartans goalie during Kawartha Boys Hockey League action on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Far left, Red Hawks junior player Brian Kim is hit on the arm during a game against the LCVI Spartans in Kawartha West Boys League action on Thursday, Jan. 18 in Haliburton. The Hawks made an effort to tie, but couldn't keep pace and lost 38-26./DARREN LUM Staff

Left, Red Hawks junior player Vikram Marathe rises for a shot against the LCVI Spartans in Kawartha West Boys League action on Thursday, Jan. 18 in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff

Loss leaves junior Hawks tied for third

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There is a lot of optimism for the Red Hawks despite a 38-26 loss to the Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans on Thursday, Jan. 18 in Haliburton.

The Spartans were a formidable opponent, using their pace and quick ball movement to spread the Hawks' defence. A double-digit lead built in the first could not be overcome.

Assistant coach Will Arnup was happy about how his team played, particularly how they shot and the performance by the second unit, who scored several points.

"The hard work that they have been putting forth this season has really been paying off. It's great to see. We're building. Our team is mostly Grade 9s and so we're building for next year, which is great," he said. "The season is not over. We have our most important game coming up against Brock. That will cement what happens in the playoffs."

Haliburton will host rival A catego-

rized school Brock on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Tipoff for the final regular season game is at 3 p.m. Brock is second in Kawartha West and is the top A categorized school with 12 points and a 6-3 record.

This loss came on the heels of a two game winning streak and puts the Hawks in third place with the Spartans. Both teams have a 4-5 record and eight points.

Haliburton edged out the Falcons of Fenelon Falls 26-25 and then followed up with a 24-19 win over St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School.

The coaching staff includes head coach Sam Little and assistant coach Andy Valickis, who is a retiree with a passion for basketball. He has coaching experience in Mississauga.

Arnup said the team is assured of a playoff spot and will be the second seed to Brock.

He loves how much his team supports one another.

"It's good to have the confidence that anyone can come into the game and contribute," he said. "We have confidence in our whole team because we have a lot of talent and a lot of depth."



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Hardwater Festival to embrace winter weather

NATE SMELLE

Staff Reporter

On Saturday, Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. the municipality of Dysart et al will be hosting its second annual Hardwater Festival.

Part of the municipality’s Explore Our Lakes initiative, the celebration of ice (and snow) brings together a wide range of winter activities, with the goal of fostering fun and safe use of lakes in winter, as well as ecological protection. The West Guilford Community Centre will act as the hub for the festival, with Abbey

Gardens serving as the other venue.

Experiential tourism expert Barrie Martin of Yours Outdoors has been working with the municipality to build on the inaugural festival last year. As the project manager of the festival, Martin said it is incredible to see how much it has already grown in its second year.

Martin said that Abbey Gardens is going to be hosting a series of snowshoeing races which will feature one-, three- and five-kilometre courses. Algonquin Outfitters will also be onsite with several “fat bikes” for people to try peddling on the ice and snow. Medeba Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre will also be offering ice climbing lessons for \$10, where participants will have the chance to climb a 15-metre tall manmade ice tower.

Some of the other exciting outdoor activities featured at this year’s festival are ice fishing, skating, broomball and ice sculpture by renowned ice carver and sculptor, Mike Muli. Guitarist Nick Russell and bassist Dylan White will be performing cool jazz, while the Haliburton Highlands Brewing Company provides the suds at the ice bar.

“There will be lots of fun and plenty of learning opportunities as well.”

One new addition to the line-up of events in 2018 is the Ice Hut Makeover contest sponsored by ACM Designs. The grand prize for the winning ice hut consists of prizes donated by local businesses worth \$4,500.

Yet another interesting and creative development to take place in 2018, Martin said is snow-tagging. To celebrate Canada 150, Parks Canada had a team of artists creating snow-tags in parks across the country. Martin described snow-tagging as like a “painting in the snow” where artists create a large-scale image in the snow that can be seen from overhead by a drone or from an elevated view.

Funding for the festival has been provided through a grant from the Ontario Sport Rec-

reation and Communities Fund. Martin acknowledged that the growth of the event this year is possible through the many generous community sponsors supporting the event. Educational opportunities at the festival include traditional and modern winter camping demonstrations; documentary film screenings; a workshop on wildlife in the winter, Below Zero Critters in the Cold; winter survival skills; lake ecology and ice science workshop; and ice safety training.

Dysart’s recreation program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller said the main focus of the Hardwater Festival is to promote ice safety. Living in a community that is surrounded by water – lakes, rivers, ponds and wetlands – she said it is important for people to know what to do in the case of an on-ice emergency. The introduction to ice safety course being offered at the festival will also highlight the qualities of ice, so people know when the ice is safe to venture out on.

“The reality is if somebody gets trapped under the ice or falls into cold lake water – even if they are just submerged up to their waist – there are many things they need to know so they can protect themselves,” said Mueller.

“This course will train people how to deal with hypothermia; or if they do find themselves in freezing water, it will teach them how to get out safely. People will also learn if they fall under the ice how to protect themselves.”

Since space is limited, Mueller recommends pre-registering for the ice safety course as well as the snowshoe race and ice climbing. To register for activities, and for a full schedule of events at the 2018 Hardwater Festival visit: www.hardwaterfestival.ca; or contact Dysart’s recreation program coordinator Andrea Mueller at 705-754-1740 ext.35.

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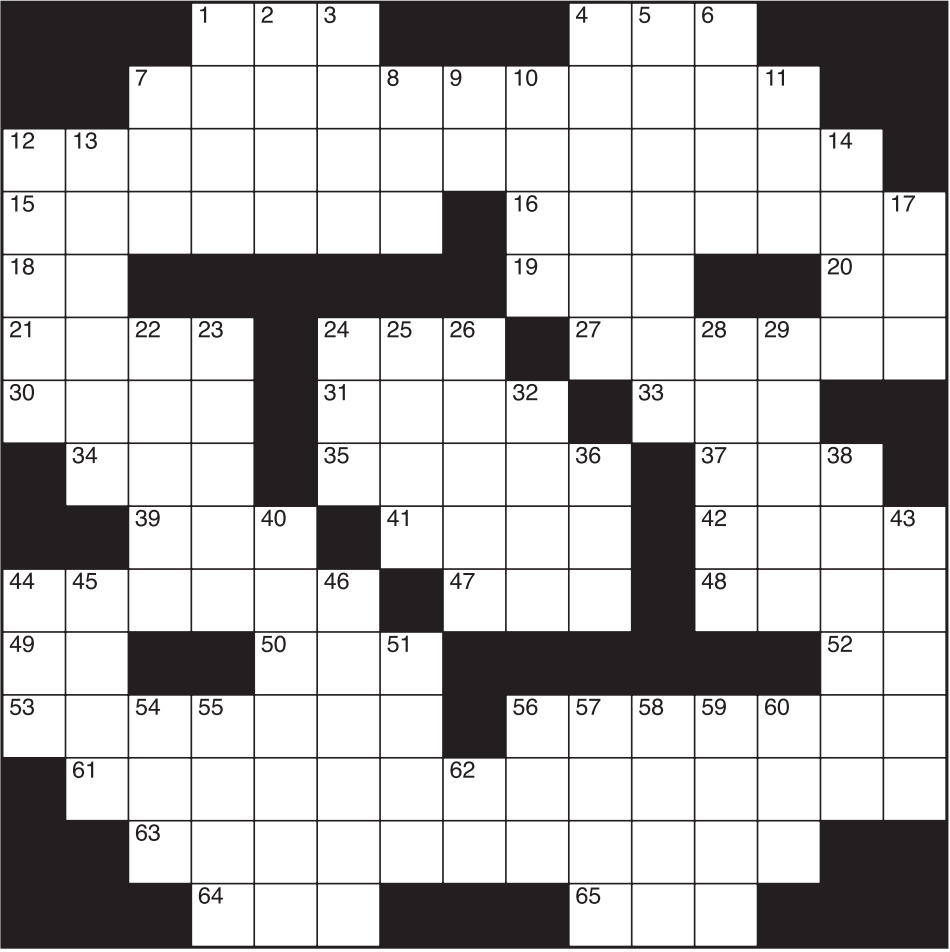


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 - 49. Conversion rate
 - 50. Single Lens Reflex
- 52. Atlanta rapper
 - 53. Reduce the importance of
 - 56. Faces of buildings
 - 61. Something achieved
 - 63. Distribute again
 - 64. Tooth caregiver
 - 65. 007's creator

CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Skater Lipinski
 - 2. Data
 - 3. Single step
 - 4. Destroyed financially
 - 5. Fail to interpret correctly
 - 6. Fava d'__: tree found in Brazil
 - 7. Vehicle
 - 8. Limited
 - 9. Old English
 - 10. Aussie golfer Norman
 - 11. Job
 - 12. Loose-fitting undergarments
 - 13. Protected by balancing
 - 14. Give up
 - 17. Fifth note of a major scale
 - 22. Extravagantly bright
 - 23. Takes dictation
 - 24. 19th letter of Greek
- 25. Rounded knob (biology)
 - 26. French philosopher
 - Pierre
 - 28. Mothers
 - 29. Dardic ethnic group
 - 32. Supports the rudder
 - 36. An ugly evil-looking old woman
 - 38. Of a fasting time
 - 40. Filled with passengers
 - 43. Below the ribs and above the hips
 - 44. Binary-coded decimal
 - 45. 51 is a famous one
 - 46. Goes into a funk
 - 51. Chief O'Hara actor
 - 54. Videocassette recorder
 - 55. Scored perfectly
 - 56. Type of tree
 - 57. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
 - 58. Popular commercial "pet"
 - 59. Supreme god of Ancient Egyptians
 - 60. Room in a home
 - 62. __ and behold

Answers on page 18



PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED BELL MOBILITY RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY WOODEN POLE TOWER

Bell is committed to providing Canadian communities high speed wireless voice and data service. To improve service, Bell is proposing to construct a 27 metre wooden pole remote sector tower with ancillary radio equipment including a shelter approximately 1m x 1.4m at the base of the tower. As part of the public consultation process as required by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (formerly Industry Canada), Bell's regulator under the *Radiocommunication Act*, Bell is inviting the public to comment on the proposed tower location before **February 8, 2018**, in preparation of the public meeting on **February 10, 2018**, which is in compliance with the Municipality of Dysart et al's Policy No. 38 for the review of telecommunication tower proposals. This tower is fully compliant with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's guidelines, as found under the Client Procedures Circular (CPC-2-0-03).

TOWER LOCATION: Approximately 100m east of the Kennisis Lake Road and Watts Road intersection.

COORDINATES: Lat: 45.241375°, Long: -78.592150°

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ANY PERSON MAY comment by close of business day on **February 8, 2018** with respect to this matter.

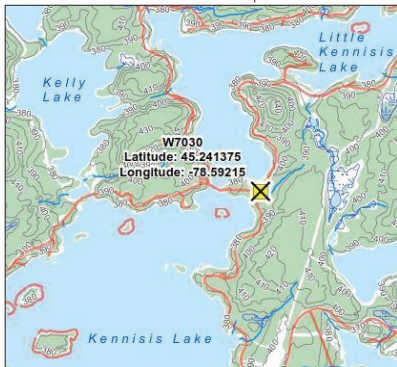
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: There will be an opportunity for public comment at the time(s) and location stated below:

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2018
Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Location: West Guilford Community Centre
1061 Kennisis Lake Road
West Guilford, ON, K0M 2S0

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Proposed Location of Wooden Pole Tower



Grant funding likely

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Desbiens estimated that approximately 500 tonnes of methane is produced at the landfill in Haliburton Village each year, an estimated 200 tonnes at the West Guilford landfill.

"It is transportable, it's a matter of just collecting it and deciding what you're going to do with it," Desbiens told councillors.

Ferguson's CCS Biogas plant is located in Millbrook.

"Ontario is moving toward a waste-free strategy," Desbiens said, adding that at some point, food waste, a major source of methane, may no longer be permitted in landfills.

Septage can also be used to produce power and Desbiens told council should the municipality wish to construct a biogas plant of its own, it would likely cost in the neighbourhood of \$2

million.

Mayor Murray Fearrey saw a methane capture program as an opportunity for the municipality to generate revenue from landfill sites once they have been shut down.

"Otherwise, we're going to cap these landfills, and it's going to sit in the ground forever," Fearrey said.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities provides funding for such projects under its Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program and council voted to apply for money to conduct a feasibility study.

Grants from the FCM cover up to 80 per cent of costs.

Cambium will submit the application for funding and council agreed that a study would only proceed should the municipality attain funding from the FCM or some other source.

Vaccination notices being sent out to parents this week

Notices are being sent out to about 2,500 students in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and City of Kawartha Lakes whose vaccination records aren't up-to-date, the health unit says.

Records must be current in order to avoid suspensions.

If their child brings home a notice, parents should immediately call the health unit. There is also an online tool called Immunization Connection Ontario, which allows you to track records online.

"We encourage families who receive a health unit notice to review their child's vaccination record and get it updated with us as soon as possible," says Marianne Rock, manager of communicable disease prevention and control with the HKPR District Health Unit. "The last thing the health unit wants to do is suspend students, but we are

legally required to ensure students attending school are fully immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccines are free, safe and effective and protect young people against serious illness."

Suspensions will begin in the spring for those who do not provide updated records or do not have the necessary vaccinations. Students may be exempt from vaccination for religious or medical reasons or "issues of conscience," information from the health unit says.

All students at school must be vaccinated for diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis (whooping cough), varicella (chickenpox) and meningococcal disease.

The health unit provided the following steps for parents:

- Check that your child's vaccination record is up-to-date. For a list of required vaccines to attend school, visit www.ontario.ca/vaccines or contact the Health Unit.
- Missing a vaccine? Get your child immunized. See your health care provider or contact the Health Unit to get any missing vaccine.
- Update your child's vaccination record. Call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507, or visit www.hkpr.on.ca. The new Immunization Connection Ontario (ICON) site (<http://hkpr.icon.ehealthontario.ca>) also allows families to track, manage, and – most importantly – update records online.

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UPCOMING
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Haliburton County Historical Society
Change of date for January meeting that was published in the Winter Guide 2018
Change from Thursday Jan. 25 to Tuesday, Jan. 23
Where: Haliburton Museum, 1:30 p.m.
Speaker: Jim Mitchell
Topic: Part 2 of the History of Canning Lake

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, Jan. 24, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Canadian Parents for French
At Public Skating
When: Jan. 28, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Where: A.J. Larue Arena, Haliburton
Everyone is invited for skating, French music and lots of fun. We ask for a \$2 donation from those who are not CPF members.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days 2018
Paws, Poop and Other Animal Clues!
When: Saturday, Feb. 3, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Abbey Gardens
Our fun exploration of animal tracks, scat and signs will begin inside the Abbey Gardens Gathering Place. Come and learn about different critter poop (scat) found in Haliburton County and the stories it can tell. We will have fun matching poop to paws and will even be rolling out some sample critter poop from our special dough to enjoy as a tasty treat! If conditions allow, we will venture outside into the nearby forest using our wildlife sleuthing skills to find clues that animals have left behind. Dress for the weather. Please register as there are limited spaces and craft supplies for this fun workshop. Locate the registration link under Events tab at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca
Funded in part by TD Friends of the Environment.
Admission by Donation.

Kinmount Bursary Dinner
When: Saturday, Feb. 3
Where: Galway Hall
Doors Open 5 p.m., Roast Beef Dinner 6 p.m.
Cash Bar, Tickets \$15.00
Call Vic 705-488-3053 or visit Kinmount Pharmacy

Haliburton: S.T.O.P. (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program
When: Tuesday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m.
STOP Program supports smokers trying to quit by providing them with five weeks of nicotine patches at no cost. Smokers will also get educational material and other resources to help them in the quitting process. To see if you are eligible, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577.

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Kindness clothing sets right tone

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west guilford

Eleanor Cooper

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The family news: Andy Cooper, our youngest, was here for the weekend, having been requested by his employer, British Marine Technologies for whom he works in Victoria, B.C. Of course Beth from St. Catharines was equally welcomed with open arms. This gives us a chance to receive photos of Kim and Andy's children ages 12 and 14.

Since my loom has been sold, many bits of letters, cards, old school papers and books have been sorted out in the space and the results brought to light. Many books need to be shown to each of our four.

"Do you want to keep this?" or "Where can I send that?" It's been quite a trip down memory lane, going

through photos and special cards which mean so much. Anyway, the space provided by the absent loom gave room to deal with it all.

Good to have Beth and Andy home to decide what to do with these papers.

Friends who called to enjoy the family gathering included Perry and Kay Morrison, the Smyths, Pat, Rod and Ron and from Combermere, Leslie and Ron Hysert. Of course music was part of the company: drum, small or parlour pipes, violin, guitar and mandolins with accompaniment on piano by Kathleen.

A word about the kindness clothing. What a good idea! For the shy or insecure teenager, a kind word is just what's appreciated when you think no one notices or cares. It can give the boost that helps lift the spirits and make you feel worth while again. Good for you, Terri!

Euchre Scores:
High: Willi Cox and George Cooper
Low: Pat Smyth and Ed Muenzel
Most Lone Hands: Ann and Robert McIvor
Special: Rod Smyth

Wilberforce organizers prepare for events

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Hilda Clark

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At the Wilberforce recreation committee meeting on Friday evening, Jan. 19, planning activities for the coming months took place.

The annual Easter Saturday Maple Fest on March 31 was confirmed. Much discussion and brainstorming brought out ideas for ongoing programs on Earth Day in April and possible improvements to July's Penny Raffle. Ways to increase understanding and interest in this community of the work of Places For People were discussed.

Some delicious soups and desserts were enjoyed at St. Margaret's Church last Tuesday at lunchtime.

On a clear sunny-but-cold day, more diners would have been welcomed. More were expected since that was one of the days the local diner was not open. Guess some forgot and others are denned up for the winter.

The January thaw and the pouring rain last week ensured the snowmobile trails are not there to bring in visitors that might patronize local business.

It would be great if local folks who can afford it would enjoy places such as the local diner for a meal. Its winter open hours are Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday and Saturday it's 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. while on Sunday it's open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. And no, I don't have shares in the company!

The Wilberforce Agricultural Society held its annual meeting last week. Over a potluck meal these hard-working volunteers reviewed the success of the 2017 fair and made plans for the one in August this new year 2018.

Members of local District 18 of the Retired Teachers Organization (RTO) held their annual Chickadee Luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

They celebrated winter at the Heather Lodge just north of Minden. Wayne Cooper a past president of District 18 of RTO was presented with a once in a lifetime award. It came on behalf of the provincial RTO executive for his community service to members of this district.

Feel like some exercise? Get out the skates and hit the ice at the arena here. On Tuesdays afternoons adults including seniors skate free from 2 to 3 p.m.

On Sundays from 12:30 noon to 2 p.m. there is public skating.

Feel like watching figure skating? Lessons and practice is on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. There is pick up hockey at other times. Check the flashing sign over arena door.



Attention Airport Enthusiasts!
50th Anniversary of the
Stanhope Municipal Airport

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking motivated individuals to join a 50th Anniversary Event sub-committee of the Stanhope Municipal Airport Committee.

The Airport Committee requires assistance with the planning, development, and delivery of a top notch community event to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Stanhope Municipal Airport. The July 2018 event will feature displays, aerobatics, scenic rides, and vendors.

If you would like to bring your knowledge, skills or previous event-planning experience to our team – or if you'd like to volunteer to help on the day, we want to hear from you. Please submit a letter outlining your desire to come aboard and make the Stanhope Municipal Airport 50th Anniversary a fun-filled and memorable day.

Please submit your letter of interest electronically or by mail by Friday, February 9, 2018 to:

Cam Loucks – Airport Manager
Stanhope Municipal Airport
1123 North Shore Road
Algonquin Highlands Ontario K0M 1J1
E: cloucks@algonquinhighlands.ca

For more information please contact Airport Manager Cam Loucks at 705-754-2611.



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Invitation For Tender

LANDFILL COVER, COMPACTION & MAINTENANCE SERVICES
April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019

The Municipality of Dysart et al is inviting tenders for Landfill Cover, Compaction & Maintenance Services.

Specifications and Tender Forms can be obtained at:

Dysart et al Municipal Office
135 Maple Avenue
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or email by contacting Rob Camelon rcamelon@dysartetal.ca

Tenders must be received no later than 3:00 pm on January 31, 2018. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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A second arcade is planned for Haliburton village

Sky Slider owner Steve Bowskill wants to establish an arcade in the Sky Slider building in Haliburton.

Both Bowskill and Video Attack arcade owner Wesley Good attended Monday morning's meeting of the Dysart municipal council to make known their plans for 1983.

Bowskill said that the Sky Slider building is "already an amusement facility," adding that its location off the village's main street would be "ideal." He also expressed his willingness to work within the guidelines of the Dysart arcade by-law.

The arcade by-law has been, to say the least, a focal point of controversy between the arcade operators and members of the public at large. Last May council passed a by-law intended to control arcade operations in the village.

Good said he had had difficulty enforcing the age provision since few young video game players had identification. Despite that he said he and his staff asked over 600 people to leave the premises last year -- losing considerable income.

Councillor Hodgson said there was one good rule of thumb to go by in order to enforce the by-law. "When in doubt, throw them out," he said.

"It's only this area where age is stipulated," continued Good. Despite supervision, and a clean arcade, Good said he felt it was "discriminatory" that children as young as five could play video games, unsupervised, in other businesses in the village -- yet could not enter Video Attack.

Signs warning of the age provision "didn't seem to do much

Steve Bowskill announces plans

Under the by-law

- youngsters under 16 are not permitted to operate video games
- students may not use the games during school hours
- the machines cannot be operated on Sundays or during holidays
- a \$500 licence fee must be paid to the municipality by arcade operators.

Bowskill explained that he was "fully familiar" with the terms of the by-law. In response to a question from councillor Glen Hodgson Bowskill said he was also willing to section the arcade off from the rest of the (Sky Slider) building.

In that way, he advised, the arcade "would be separate from the Sky Slider, for those who want (the arcade) it's there" while for those who don't, it's not in sight. The arcade will contain "about eight to ten machines," and Bowskill said he plans to open it in May.

Wesley Good was back to apply for an arcade licence for his Highland Street business.

He stressed that he had been able to comply with all the terms of the by-law set out last year but had had difficulty with the supervision of age.

good," he said, and many expelled video players said laughingly that they would simply "go across the street" to play, he added.

He considered the present definition of "arcade" to be unfair -- since two video machines in a business does not constitute an arcade, but three does.

"It may be taking the profit out of it for you," agreed Reeve Murray Fearrey. However, both he and councillor Hodgson said that it would be just as hard to enforce a lower age limit.

Good said that most video game players are 14 and older, and those younger than that have no money to spend on the games. As well, a young person accompanied by an older brother or sister would have to leave the arcade -- even if they were just watching, he said.

Good, like Bowskill, said he would like to begin operations in May.

In a Monday night interview Reeve Fearrey said the matter would be discussed by council at one of their next meetings, in order that a decision on Good's request could be made before May.

Local airport discussed

Dysart council will decide within the next few weeks whether or not it will proceed with plans for an airport in the municipality.

Little has been said of the airport proposal since its inception in April of last year. At that time, explained Reeve Murray Fearrey, "it was suggested...that we were interested in establishing an airport here, but weren't interested (in undermining the business) of the Stanhope airport."

Dysart planning administrator Derrell Stamp undertook a feasibility study, and discovered that 80 per cent provincial funding was available.

However, comments by Stanhope deputy-reeve Elgin Stouffer at December's session of county council prompted the reeve to ask council three questions:

- is council interested in the proposal at all -- or should it be dropped
- would council like to work towards

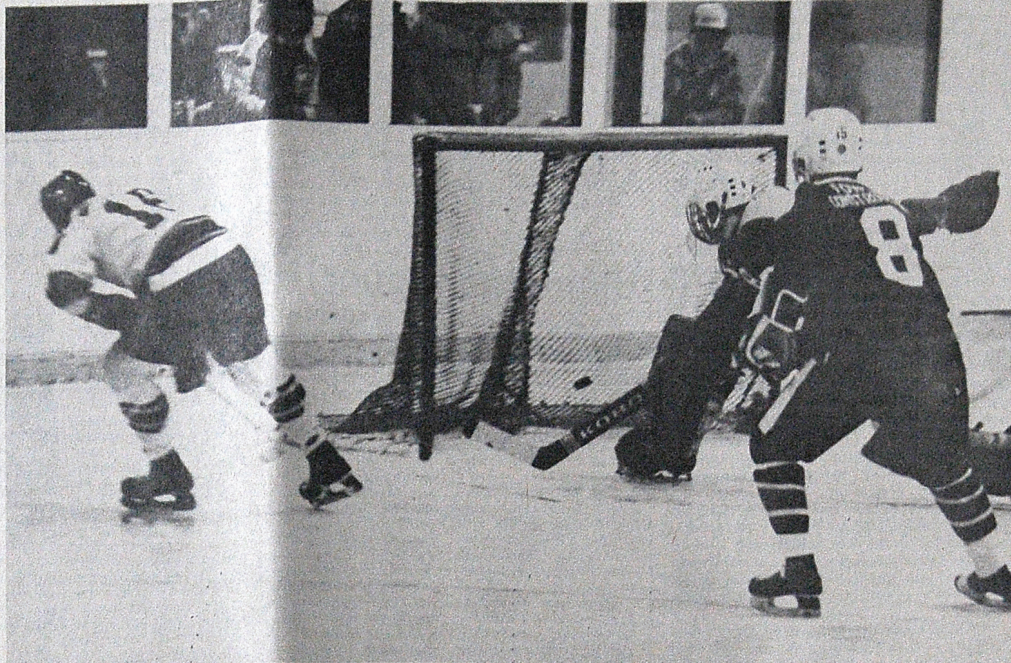
an airport in conjunction with Stanhope

- should efforts be made towards establishing an airport in Dysart

In order to speed things along, and not impede with Stanhope's plans in any way, Fearrey suggested a decision be reached at a January 24 special meeting of council. The meeting had been scheduled to set priorities for Dysart's 1983 Ontario Neighborhood Improvement Program projects.

Because of the proximity of the Stanhope airport, councillor Glen Hodgson said, Dysart will be involved "whether we want to be or not." The flightpath to the Stanhope airport is right over Dysart, he said.

Stouffer told last month's meeting of county council that an expanded airport would be essential in expanding tourism in the county. It would attract more small aircraft traffic -- and would open the county up to more American tourism and perhaps more convention traffic.



Kevin Shapiera is a blur of motion as he stuffs a rebound past the Bracebridge goalie Sunday in Minden. The Huskies were first on the

board, and held a 2-1 lead during the first period, but lost a close one 5-4. Mike Rae had two shorthanded goals for the losers.

CMHC hopes to build more homes in Dysart et al

While no one in Dysart is opposed to a Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation housing program which has provided a total of 12 new or renovated homes for struggling young local families, it appears some people are wondering just what criteria were used in selecting the new homeowners.

Jeff Loucks of CMHC's Rural and Native Housing Program was on hand at Dysart council Monday to answer a few of those questions, and to bring council up to date on the federal agency's housing plans for the area.

He said the 12 homes (eight newly constructed, four renovated) will be occupied by March 1. Several will be ready by February 1, he added. There are still 36 Dysart names on the project's waiting list, he said.

Worst come first

Homes were not assigned on a "first come, first served" basis, said Loucks, but rather on a "worst first" system. Not only need, but income was considered by CMHC, he added.

For those who qualify mortgages are available, and are subsidized on a "geared to income" basis, he said.

No homeowner under the plan is expected to pay more than 25 per cent of his or her income towards their mortgage -- the CMHC picks up the remaining 75 per cent, said Loucks.

ligated to report any change in their incomes," he explained. If they do not comply they can either lose their subsidy or be asked to vacate the premises, he said.

No renting allowed

In response to a question from Reeve Murray Fearrey Loucks pointed out that no homeowner is allowed to rent, "in whole or in

parts" space in their home. The homes were not built "to make profits," he explained.

As well, the homeowners are responsible for the upkeep and appearance of their dwellings. "We've instructed them about their obligations of neighborhood and good citizenship," said Loucks.

Councillor Baker had expressed concern, hoping that steps would be taken to ensure that none of the new homes would "turn into junk heaps" through lack of care by the owners. Loucks said his organization is now looking towards other areas in Dysart that are in need of better housing. He said the CMHC would like to see units in West Gullford and in Harcourt. Councillor Glen Hodgson asked what would happen if the homeowners decided to sell their new dwellings. Loucks replied that as owners of the buildings they had every right to sell -- provided the CMHC is given "first refusal" on buying back the dwellings.

The project has been carried out successfully in the village of Wilberforce, and inroads have been made towards establishing programs in Snowdon and Lutterworth townships.

The key behind the program is the building of modest, well-constructed and energy-efficient homes -- for the purpose of a general upgrading of rural housing standards.

release "federal unemployment benefits contribute towards 80 per cent of wage, with the provincial government contributing the remaining 20 per cent, worker fringe benefits, and equipment costs." White said MNR officials will also periodically assist in a supervisory role. Work began in December, and additional workers were added a week ago Monday.

Housing assigned on "worst first" basis

The mortgage has a five-year term and a 25-year amortization, meaning that it is renewed every five years. But the incomes of homeowners are reviewed annually.

In response to a question by councillor Dorothy Baker Loucks said that if a person's income increases, their mortgage payment increases as well -- but still makes up 25 per cent of their monthly income. If their income decreases, so does their payment, he added. "They (the homeowners) are ob-

ligated to report any change in their incomes," he explained. If they do not comply they can either lose their subsidy or be asked to vacate the premises, he said.

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Fifty-four workers on the job in Hindon township forests

Fifty-four area workers are now hard at work in Hindon township, clearing 17 miles of forest access roads and pruning and thinning 300 acres of young second-growth stands of white pine.

The men, who are from all over the county are benefitting from a \$400,000 program carried out jointly by the Ministry of Natural

Resources and the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission. According to D D White of the MNR's Minden office, the workers are from areas "scattered around the county...but

most of them formally worked for the (project's) sponsors." The sponsors are J A C Kernohan Construction Limited of Minden and Hawk River Construction of

Stanhope township.

As well, all workers employed were previously receiving UIC benefits.

The roads being built would be "winter-access only" and would be specifically used for "timber extraction," said White. The project will conclude in March, he estimated.

According to an MNR press

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ONIP plans, snow removal are among items discussed

Dysart municipal council covered a lot of ground Monday, dealing with a multitude of issues ranging from tree-cutting to a car rally.

Several interesting debates arose during the six-hour meeting, held in the Dysart council chambers Monday.

Lym-Rock Estates

By-law enforcement officer Bob English told council he will be issuing stop work orders at Lym-Rock Estates Thursday unless several problems are corrected immediately.

The main concern English expressed was the lack of adequate fire escape facilities. There would be "quite a roast on the top floor" if the building caught fire, he said. What's needed is proper fire escapes, fire exit signs, and smoke detectors, said English.

Another concern expressed to council was water service for Howard Peel, who was to have been connected to the building's water system upon the completion of the apartment building.

English also expressed concern over the number of parking spaces at the apartment. He said Lym-

Peel's water supply had been dealt with as well. Lymburner said Peel had been re-connected to his existing well, and will be hooked into the building's system at the completion of the project. Surface water, which had been causing erosion, had been diverted, and more parking places were to be

Work orders could be issued

burner was to have put three more spaces in.

Lymburner had appeared before council earlier on to give a progress report on the building.

He said an earlier problem of a hydro pole (which was teetering on a bank near the building) had been rectified, and Ontario Hydro were to remove the pole Tuesday.

added. Lymburner said there was more than adequate parking for the 13 tenants now in the building.

ONIP Meeting

Council will hold a special meeting January 24 to discuss what Ontario Neighborhood Improvement Plan projects will be carried out this year.

"We now have an approved

(\$400,000) program," said Reeve Murray Fearrey. The special meeting "will decide what we're going to go ahead with this year...prior to (our) full municipal budget," he added.

Tops on the list of projects prepared last year is repairs to the Dysart arena's roof, flooring, and dressing room/washroom areas.

Snow Removal

Bruce Cowan approached council to ask their help in plowing the Kenneway Road in Dudley township. He said he plans to take out at least 100,000 feet of timber this winter -- and pointed out that the municipality had plowed the public road last winter.

He said he would not mind the roads being plowed one or even two days after a snowfall.

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The art of John Leonard is shocking in its authenticity. The illusion of reality is so believable that his paintings seem three-dimensional; even from a close distance. His show at the Ralla' End Gallery runs until January 29. For a story, see page nine.

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Bantam girls end regular season with win

The Canadian Tire/Parkview Dental Bantam Girls Jets, headed to Keene to take on the Wolverines this past Saturday. The team secured a 5-2 win over Keene and have been given a bye for finishing in first place during the regular season in the LLFHL.

Hannah McMann, with her powerful wrist shot, had some beautiful goals and scored a hat trick. Assists went to Haley Goulet, Emily Alexander, and Kennedy Croskery. Also adding to the scoreboard were Gillian Rosik and Emma Tidey. Jaylin Frost assisted on both. Bella Smolen had a fantastic game between the pipes for the Jets.

The team would like to thank their sponsors, Canadian Tire and Parkview Dental for their ongoing support throughout the season which has greatly contributed to the teams' success. The girls will continue to work hard as they prepare for league finals and reach their goal of attending provincials.

Submitted by Linda Goulet

Atom A's dominate Crusaders

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's hosted the Durham Crusaders at the A.J. LaRue arena on Saturday, Jan. 20.

The first period started off with an awesome goal by Addison Carr. He took it from the Storm's end, fired a shot, grabbed his own rebound and scored. The next goal was by Brechin Johnston who fired a shot from the left board and it got tipped in by the Durham defencemen. Unfortunately a minute later The Crusaders scored their first goal and it was a 2-1 game going into the second. The second period was a slow first five minutes but then it really picked up with a goal by Austin Latanville, then 20 seconds later a goal by Johnston and a minute after that a breakaway goal for Carr. It went quiet again until Colby Coumbs fired a rocket shot from the blue line and in. The Crusaders were not giving up that easy, scoring a goal shortly after. But with two minutes left Johnston scored his hat trick goal and The Crusaders answered making it a 7-3 game going into the third. The third period was all Storm. Kadin Card received a pass from Carr from behind the net and shot it in and Cheyenne Degeer scored a beautiful five-hole goal making the final score 9-3. A big shout out to Aaron Neave who made some pretty awesome saves and kept the score high for Storm and low for the Crusaders.

The next game for the Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's is their second playoff game at the Whitby arena at 12 p.m. versus the Durham Crusaders.

Submitted by Amber Card

Storm LL Atom 1 winless weekend

With a double header weekend, Pharmasave LL Atom 1 hosted South Muskoka Cottage Country on Saturday. The Storm opened the scoring with a goal by Haiden Bird assisted by Carson Jones and Nathan Morrison. In the second period Muskoka came back and scored, but the Storm scored seconds later with a goal by Bird and Morrison again.

Unfortunately Muskoka came back to score with a final of 4-2. Player of the game goes to Carson Jones.

On Sunday, Jan. 21, South Muskoka Fitzmaurice Bros hosted Pharmasave LL Atom 1 in Bracebridge with a tough battle at hand with one goal by Muskoka in the first. With both goalies (Zach Lowe and Brian Robichaud) and awesome passing and persistent pressure, scoring was kept completely scoreless. During the third period Haiden Bird scored unassisted but Muskoka kept the pressure on and won 4-1. Player of the game goes to Logan Reid. LL Atom 1 next game will be hosted in Parry Sound against Shamrocks 2.

Submitted by Chris McMartin

Atom AE tie up series

On Saturday, Jan. 20, the G.J. Burtch Construction Atom AE Storm players hosted the Huntsville Otters at the A. J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton in their first game of the playoff season. It was an exciting game from the beginning and evenly matched. The Otters came on strong scoring the first two goals of the game. The Storm players were not going to give up without a fight. Jace Mills shot the puck, hitting the crossbar and into the net. [Less than a second] left of the second period, Cayden Russell received a pass from Liam Harrison scoring their second goal. Russell wasn't finished and scored another in the third period.

It was Maclean Rowden who scored the tying goal sending them into a nail biting overtime. Unfortunately they fell short with a 4-5 loss.

On Sunday, Jan. 21 they were back at it, travelling to Huntsville for game two of the playoffs. Again it was a

tough battle for both teams. Lots of back and forth. It was the Storm player Parker Simms who took a shot from the blue line and scored the first goal of the game. Only moments later Emery Bagshaw passed the puck to Rowden to put another one in the net. With the Otters hot on their heels, Brady Burtch passed the puck to Mills to score the tying goal yet again sending them into overtime. Unlike Saturday, Storm players stayed strong and their hard work paid off when Simms scored the winning goal ending the game with a 4-3 win tying up the series. Next game is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 27 at 3:30 p.m. in Minden.

Submitted by Lisa Reinwald

Shutout win for Tykes

The Highlands Storm Tom Prentice and Son's Trucking Tykes travelled to Huntsville to face the Huntsville Otters for the first time this season. Halfway through the first period Vanek Logan scores the first goal of the game, assisted by Jaxen Casey. The Otters rallied, but Storm goaltender Carter Braun came up with a big save. Next Jack Tomlinson sends a pass out front to Mason Latanville, but the Otters goalie holds the net. Seconds later, Evan Perrott takes a backhand shot, beats the goalie with the assist going to Latanville. Logan scores again with the help of Casey to end the period. McCartney Saunders receives a great pass off the boards from Zach Prentice to result in a breakaway goal. Matthew Scheffee fights hard to get the puck out of the Storm end and gets it to Saunders but he's denied by the Otters goaltender. Tomlinson gets a goal off of Logan's wrap around rebound that bounces out front. The Otters carry the puck into the Storm's end but Braun makes another great save. With 21 seconds left in the second, Perrott's hard digging in front of the net pays off, scoring his second goal of the game with the assists going to Latanville and Luke Gruppe. The third period is filled with great passing efforts, Easton Burk and Ethan DeCarlo make some great passes, moving the puck around ice. Halfway through the period Gruppe gets the puck to Logan, who is at the blue line and takes a shot and scores. Next Logan, carrying the puck up the ice, gets tripped and Gruppe picks up the loose puck and put it on net but it's saved by the Otters goalie.

Fantastic goaltending throughout the entire game by Braun, earning himself a shutout. The final score of the game was 7-0 Storm.

Submitted by Jessica Tomlinson

Peewees comeback falls short

On Sunday, Jan. 21 the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees hosted the Durham Crusaders in their first game in their playoff series. Both teams hit the ice with determination to get that first game win. The Storm battled hard and kept most of the play in the first period in the Crusaders' end.

The Storm shot puck after puck at the Crusaders' goalie and limited them to one shot against Storm goalie Damon Harriss. The period ended scoreless. The Crusaders took the lead early in the second but the Storm came back with a goal by Kaine Brannigan assisted by Austin Boylan and Evan Armstrong. The Crusaders scored two more in the second to put them ahead 3-1 going into the third. Harriss took control of his crease and the Storm kept putting pressure on the Crusaders and Brannigan netted another late in the third assisted by Avery Degeer and Boylan to put the storm within one. The Storm gave everything they had but the Crusaders scored an empty netter to win 4-2. Game two for the Peewees is on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 1:30 in Whitby and then back to Haliburton for game three on Sunday at 12:30.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Penalties sink Storm

The Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Dollo's Foodland Bantam A opened their playoff series last Friday versus the Durham Crusaders. A couple of early chances by the Storm didn't materialize which may have changed the entire tempo of the game; instead, early penalties cost the Storm dearly and they quickly found themselves down by four goals five minutes into the game. The rest of the game was spent playing catch up. Goals by Aidan Neave, Jake Sisson and Tim Turner offered some motivation to our boys, however, the Crusaders would take full advantage of virtually every Storm penalty on their way to a convincing 8-3 win in the opening game of the series. Game two is this Saturday at 2 p.m. in Haliburton. Come cheer on the team!

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Midgets peaking for playoffs

The Highland Storm Highlander and Smolen Family Dentistry Midget team began the first round of playoffs against the Wasaga Stars, Jan. 21 and successfully skated away with a 6-3 win. Each practice and each game prepares the team for the playoffs and you can feel the excitement and intensity. It was a fast paced game from the start with lots of back and forth action. Late in the first, Lucas Haedicke won the faceoff in the Stars end and quickly passed it to open Morissette, who was ready to nail it in for the first goal. With seconds on the clock, while short-handed, Manning fed Patterson-Smith. With determination, he pushed through the defence and found the opening, making it 2-0. The second period found the Storm team on their heels and the Stars got on the scoreboard with three unanswered goals, ending the period with the Storm down 3-2. The Storm team came out strong in the third period and dominated. A nice play by Patterson-Smith found Manning open in front of the net, his goal tied the game, early in the third. Shortly after, with the heat still on the Stars, Jacob Haedicke held the line and fired it to Patterson-Smith and his keen eye put the Storm in the lead, 4-3. The Stars tried to fight back but that just gave the Storm power-play opportunities and the next two goals. First, Patterson-Smith captures a hat-trick when he expertly manoeuvred around the net and top-cornered the fifth goal. As the players battled at the boards, Gilbert stole the puck and easily five-holed the last goal. Join us for the next two playoffs games that will be in Haliburton, Jan. 27, 3:30 and Jan. 28 at 5 p.m.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Atom 2 splits weekend battles

On Saturday, Jan. 20 the Highland Storm TD Bank Atom 2 team was in tough as the undefeated Huntsville HRC insurance Atoms came to the A.J LaRue Arena. The Storm got off to a great start on an excellent individual effort by Ethan Thomas to put one past the Huntsville goalie in the first 50 seconds of the game. The Storm had their work boots on battling hard in both ends of the rink. The hard work paid off when Max Chapman came streaking down ice and potted his first goal of the season, assists going to Eric Mueller and Ayden Chapman. Despite the incredible effort and hard work, it was not enough on this day as the Storm fell to Huntsville 10-2.

On Sunday, Jan. 21 the Highland Storm TD LL Atom 2 team travelled to Bracebridge to take on South Muskoka Cottage Country Dental Bears.

It was clear from the initial puck drop that both teams were ready to battle. Halfway through the first period South Muskoka came in and snapped a wrist shot top corner to open the scoring. Throughout the game the Storm worked together, Olivia Gruppe blocking shots, Jacob Davis applying pressure with the forecheck and Layne Robinson fighting for position in front of the net. Their work was rewarded in the third period when Ethan Thomas looked back at the blue line and fooled the Muskoka goalie when he fired it past him to tie the game 1-1.

In a finish which brought the crowd to the edge of their seats, a winner was not to be decided on this day. Final 1-1 tie. Next Saturday, Jan. 27 the Storm travels to Parry Sound for a game at 4 p.m.

Submitted by Jamie Lloyd

Weekend Storm playoff schedule

Atom AE vs Huntsville Otters
Game 3: Sat., Jan. 27, 3:30pm in Minden
Game 4: Sun., Jan. 28, 2:40pm in Huntsville

Atom vs Durham Crusaders
Game 2: Sat., Jan. 27, 12 pm in Whitby
Game 3: Sun., Jan. 28, 2 pm in Haliburton

Peewee vs Durham Crusaders
Game 2: Sat., Jan. 27, 1:30pm in Whitby
Game 3: Sun., Jan. 28, 12:30pm in Haliburton

Bantam vs Durham Crusaders
Game 2: Sat., Jan. 27, 2 pm in Haliburton
Game 3: Sun., Jan. 28, 3:30pm in Haliburton

Midget vs Wasaga Beach Stars
Game 2: Sat., Jan. 27, 3:30pm in Haliburton
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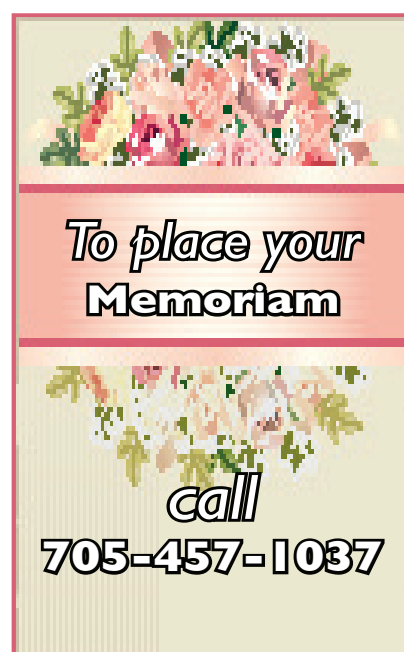
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In Loving Memory of
Stuart C. Brandon
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Stuart Christopher Brandon passed away peacefully at home on Friday, January 19, 2018. Stuart will forever be missed by his wife of 42 years, Linda (nee Fry), his daughters Amy Reesor (Ryan Reesor), Emily Brandon (Dan Voytovech) and his grandchildren Anson and Anna, Jake and Zane. He will also be missed by his brother Ted Brandon, his wife Lorry and their son Connor, sister Allison Brandon Masters and her children, Danny, Rebecca, Christopher, as well as his dear friend George Berdan. He is predeceased by his parents Shirley Amy Brandon (nee Easton) and Charles Stewart Brandon.

Stuart will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humour and wit, as well as his great legs that he showed off while wearing shorts three seasons each year. After returning from IBM in Calgary with Linda to manage the family business Northland Sales, Stuart was a town councillor for Anson, Hinden & Minden, BIA President, past-President of the Rotary Club of Minden, President of the International Sled Dog Racing Association and President of the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists.

Our sincere thanks to the incredible staff at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (Fraenzie and Beth), Dr. Scott Coles, nurses Liz, Karena, Rachel, Amanda, and Rhonda, as well as the amazing PSW support team.

Cremation has taken place. A private family life celebration will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be made to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.



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Podmore, Peggy Joanna Eileen

Mom was born on September 17th, 1920 in Southsea, Portsmouth, England to Charles Howard Heaton and Edith Helen Hodgson. Mom was the second of three children - an older brother Henry Howard (known as "Hal") and a younger sister Lois Emily.

Mom passed away peacefully in her sleep in Pickering, Ontario on the morning of Friday January 19th, 2018. The last few years had been a challenge for her. Surprisingly though, she came through a hip replacement last Summer with flying colours.

Mom leaves behind her two sons Timothy John (Eleanor) and Michael David James (Trish). Also left to mourn are her grandchildren Carl (Emily), Jessie (Tom), Lauren and Chris, as well as her great-grandchildren Jaelyn and Damien.

Mom was predeceased by her first husband Ronald Arthur Luke (July 8, 1940) and her second husband, our father, Laurance Taylor Podmore (May 18, 1990).

*"A good woman died today,
Flags were not flown at half mast,
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But she was our friend and mother,
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A good person died today."* *By Patrick McFarland (but revised)*



Rest in peace Mom; you will be missed, loved and remembered always. We hope you meet up with Dad, and your Mummy and Daddy. When you do, send our love.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer Society of Canada in her name, or simply do something kind for someone else.



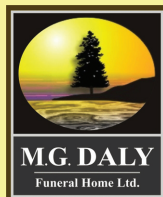
SIBLEY: Kenneth James
Passed away peacefully at Quinte Health Care North Hastings Hospital, Bancroft, on January 18, 2018.

Ken Sibley age 83 was the beloved father of Philip (Darlene) of Cardiff, Michael of Maynooth, Dianne MacDonald (Stewart) of Burleigh Falls and Charles "Joe" (Cavelle) of Cardiff. Grandfather of Elyse, Zackary, Cortney, Kacy, Matthew, Jennifer, Curtis and several great grandchildren. Predeceased by his brothers Carl and Eldon and sisters Evelyn and Viola.

A Celebration of Ken's Life will be held at the Cardiff Legion on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 1 – 4 PM. Memories will be shared at 2:30 PM.

As expressions of sympathy, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or North Hastings Hospice House.

Arrangements entrusted to M.G. Daly Funeral Home, Maynooth. Cards available at the funeral home (613) 338-3259 or e-mail condolences to dalyfuneralhome@bellnet.ca or visit www.mgdalyfuneralhome.com



In Loving Memory of

Edwin "Ed" John Turner

*Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 with his loving family by his side.
Ed was 70 years old*

Beloved husband of Lee for 47 years. Loving father of Greg (Lisa), Aaron (Laura), Shaun (Amy) and Melissa (Cory). Papa of Michael, Kelsey, Caleb, Trevor, Hailey, Paul, Tim, Edwin, Clarke, Jubilee, Emmie and Eli.

Predeceased by his sister Diane Boll. Fondly remembered by his nephews John (Judith) and David (Jillian).

As per Ed's wishes cremation has taken place. A Service to Celebrate Ed's Life will be held at the Lakeside Baptist Church, Haliburton on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Water Ambassadors of Canada would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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SANCAYNE STREET



This impeccable 3 bdrm home is sure to check off all the boxes! Great space for entertaining both inside & out. Enjoy movie nights in your own theater! Many improvements, dbl att & insul garage and in a great location.

\$499,000

LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE



Custom designed 2 story cottage with four bedrooms. Recently built single garage. Great space for relaxation with well treed lot and a nice beach.

SOLD
\$469,000

COTTAGE PLUS BUNKIE



Enjoy cottage living with this cozy 4 season cottage and large bunkie with many upgrades. Municipal access to Miskwabi Lake across the road.

\$174,000

GULL RIVER, MINDEN



Lovely level riverfront lot near Minden and ready for building! Boat launch, dock. Great access, year round for home or getaway.

\$115,900

VACANT LOTS & WATERFRONT

- Hwy 503 Building Lot, 1.33 Acres.....\$14,900**
- Salerno Lake Access, .45 Acres.....\$25,000**
- Maple Lake Access, .79 Acres.....\$34,500**
- North Shore Rd Lot 2.8 Acres.....\$49,000**

A Word from our Clients

Working to sell 3 properties in the Haliburton region with the help of Linda and her Team was one of the best decisions I have made. We were dealing with an extremely difficult personal situation, and Linda's professionalism and compassion and her ability and willingness to go beyond the extra mile will never be forgotten. I would highly recommend Linda to anyone considering buying or selling real estate.

Karen Y.



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SOYERS LAKE



Stunning Timberframe 4 bdrm waterfront cottage/home on Soyers Lake. Quality finishing inside & out. Oversized insulated double det'd garage. Enjoy peace & quiet in this tranquil bay w/little boat traffic & easy access to the 5 lk chain.

\$2,150,000

